

## EXTRA. 2 O'CLOCK. HER SKULL CRUSHED.

Mrs. Gillespie Fatally Hurt by a  
Post-Office Elevator.

Somebody Started It Just as She  
Was About to Enter.

She Is a Scrubwoman and Has Four  
Children to Support.

Mrs. Margaret Gillespie, widow, thirty-five years old, of 447 West Sixteenth street, was probably fatally injured in an elevator accident in the Post-Office Building early this morning. Her skull was fractured and she was cut about the head and face.

Mrs. Gillespie was employed as a cleaner in the building. Shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, with Mrs. Nora Drummond, another cleaner, she went down into the engine-room, in the sub-cellar of the building for hot water.

Having obtained the water, she went to the elevator, which is used to hoist employees and freight, on the Park Row side of the building.

Mrs. Gillespie, who was in advance of Mrs. Drummond, stepped into the elevator, and just as she did it was started by somebody on the top floor of the building.

Before Mrs. Gillespie could get entirely into the elevator her head struck the top of the entrance and she was knocked back, her head hitting the door.

An instant later the elevator had her head to the top of the doorway and was closing it.

As soon as she fell Mrs. Gillespie screamed and so did Mrs. Drummond. The man who had started the elevator still held the check-rope. He heard the screams and stopped the elevator an instant after Mrs. Gillespie's head struck the top of the door.

If he had not succeeded in stopping it, Mrs. Gillespie's head would have been crushed to a jelly.

Watchman Thomas Carroll, who was the last man to see Mrs. Gillespie, saw her fall and ran to her assistance. With the aid of Mrs. Drummond he pulled the elevator down and bore the poor woman to a bench in the engine room.

Carroll turned in a call to the Chambers Street Hospital, and in a few moments an ambulance arrived. It took the ambulance surgeon only a few minutes to discover that Mrs. Gillespie's skull was fractured and that she was probably suffering from concussion of the brain.

The injured woman was taken to the hospital, and a few hours later the ambulance surgeon told an "Evening World" reporter that there was little or no hope that she would recover.

As soon as Postmaster Dayton reached his office he sent for Assistant Custodian Michael Flaherty, who was in charge of the engine room, and told him that the man who had started the elevator was the one who had been in the engine room when the accident occurred.

When he was seen later, Mr. Flaherty said that the elevator had been started by the man who had been in the engine room when the accident occurred.

There was no one in charge of the elevator when Mrs. Gillespie stepped into it, and Mr. Flaherty was asked if it was customary for the scrub women to use the elevator. He replied that it was not, and he had not heard that they ever had done so until the accident.

"Mrs. Gillespie," he said, "was one of the nicest women I ever saw. She had four children, all of whom are of tender years. They say at the hospital that she cannot live, and I wonder what will become of her little ones."

**BIMETALLISTS IN SESSION.**

Mr. Cannon, of New York, Writes to the Conference in London.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, May 2.—The International Bimetallist Conference, convened under the auspices of the Bimetallist League, was called to order at 11 o'clock this morning in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor, the Right Hon. George R. Tyler, presiding.

There were about four hundred delegates present this morning, among them being Brooks Adams, of Boston.

The object of the Bimetallist League is to urge upon the British Government the necessity of co-operating with other leading nations for the establishment of the free coinage of gold and silver at a fixed ratio.

Henry W. Cannon, President of the Chase National Bank, of New York, was expected to be present, but he sent a letter of regret, which also alluded to his position in regard to bimetallism, and said that if the Government of Great Britain is willing to suggest a practical plan looking to the use of both gold and silver as money, on some ratio to be fixed by international agreement, the Government of the United States will co-operate and assist in every possible way in carrying out such a plan.

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**Just Bed.**  
(From the Indianapolis Journal.)

"I actually do believe that Mrs. Gibson thinks more of her dog than she does of her children."

"Well, if you lived next door to the Gibson young ones, as I do, you wouldn't blame her much."

## PURSUED BY A BORGIA

An Army Officer's Wife Goes to  
Byrnes for Protection.

She Accuses a Society Woman of  
Trying to Kill Her.

Thinks Her Cook and Butler Were  
Mixed Up in the Plot.

A handsome, richly attired woman drove up to Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon in a cab and was ushered into Supt. Byrnes's private office.

She was accompanied by a boy of about ten years, who was said to be her son. After being in consultation with the Superintendent for an hour the woman was driven to the Astor House.

This strange visitor is the wife of a well-known army officer, who was, until recently, in command of a regiment not far from New York. She says many attempts have been made to poison her and she believes a woman high in army society is responsible.

Supt. Byrnes told the visitor she would have to place the matter in the hands of the authorities of an adjoining county, as the alleged crimes were committed outside this county.

To an "Evening World" reporter the woman told the same story she had told to Supt. Byrnes.

Exhibiting several bottles and phials, she declared that they contained quantities of poison which had been administered to her and her food. For a year or more, she said, poison had been put in her food in small quantities, but her suspicions were not aroused until last November, when she was obliged to take to her bed. The cook, a negress, had prepared all the dishes and served them in person. When the condition of the army officer's wife became so serious that she feared for her life, she suggested to her cook that a physician be called in to see her.

The negress got into a passion, declaring that there was no occasion for a doctor, that she was fully capable of taking care of her and nursing her back to health and strength.

Then the negress said she really thought that she was being poisoned, and she consulted a physician. He advised her to get out of the house and stay at a hotel, or one of the members of the family to take care of her.

The negress refused to do this, and she followed the advice and took a sample to a chemist for analysis.

She refused to taste of anything prepared or served by the cook, and began improving in health. The negress, however, continued to administer to her the poison developed from the samples of food.

"There is a negress poison in this one," the chemist said, "to poison your whole family. It is a deadly poison, and you must get rid of it. The negress is a wicked woman, and she is trying to kill you and your family."

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## SAW HIM FIRE ONCE.

Stenographer Standfast Sure Mo-  
Ardle, Jr., Used His Pistol.

There Had Been Two Reports and  
Donnelly Was Struggling.

Court Clerk Taylor's Testimony Con-  
tradicted in Part.

John Standfast, stenographer of the Court of Common Pleas, was the first witness called to-day by the defense in the examination of Michael Donnelly, before Justice Martin, on the charge of attempting to shoot Patrick J. McArdle in Judge Bischoff's court, on April 24.

Lawyer Severance questioned the witness. Standfast said he was talking to Judge Bischoff when he heard a report, and he saw Donnelly with a pistol in his hand and two or three persons struggling with him. Standfast said he glanced at the McArdle group and saw McArdle, sr., just rising from the floor.

"I saw," continued the witness, "young Stephen McArdle with a revolver in his hand, which he pointed at the crowd around Donnelly, and fired one shot. I called for a club, with which I could have struck the pistol from his hand. Some one grabbed him and I called out: 'What do you want to shoot for, too?' I afterwards saw a pistol and a watch on the floor. I told Clerk Taylor to pick them up, which he did. After the excitement subsided, Mr. Freedman came to Clerk Taylor and asked for the watch and the pistol.

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## NEW YORK TURNED HIS HEAD.

A Young Man from Chicago  
Locked Up for Examination.

Drank Too Much and Then Wanted  
to Get Married.

Arthur E. Atkins, a young man from  
Chicago, who wanted Mayor Gilroy  
to marry him yesterday, but failed to pro-  
duce the bride, is in the insane pavilion  
of Bellevue Hospital to-day, and admits  
that on his way to New York he and a  
few companions amused themselves  
by throwing empty wine bottles at the  
miles posts.

Stacy Blake, of the Department of Charities and Correction, is looking after Atkins, and has ascertained that his mother is Mrs. Elvira Atkins, of 331 Park avenue, Chicago, and that his brother-in-law, William A. Hutchings, of 122 La Salle street, is an elections official. Mr. Atkins was formerly a collector and came to New York, Mr. Blake learned, to see the sights.

He arrived here on Monday and is of the opinion that he slept in City Hall Park. Yesterday afternoon he drifted into the Mayor's office and said he wanted to get married.

"Where's the bride?" asked the Mayor. "I guess she must be in her room," was the reply. "I'll go and call her." Then he walked up to the clerk's office, and running at the door, said: "Everything is ready for the ceremony. Please hurry up, Sarah."

He was then taken to the Tombs Court and remanded for examination as to his sanity. He still has delusions, but Supt. Blake thinks he will recover sufficiently to be sent home alone. He said that all that is wrong with Atkins is due to his drinking.

The young man said this morning that the young woman, he thought, was going to marry with Miss Van Rensselaer. That was all he would say about her.

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